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Society for Historical Archaeology 2008 Conference on Historical and Underwater Archaeology

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The theme for the annual conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology is "The Public Benefits of Historical Archaeology." Topics within the conference theme include: How does the public benefit from historical archaeology? What are the consequences of not engaging the public or demonstrating a public benefit? How do we effectively engage the public? How can "public benefit" be one of the primary goals of our efforts in historical archaeology? The 2008 conference program will feature symposia, sessions, panel discussions, workshops, and forums that will address these and related questions about the public benefit of historical archaeology. Sessions and forums include "Historical Archaeology and Civic Engagement," "Heritage Matters in the 21st Century," and "Many Archaeologies for Many Publics: Public Archaeology Then, Now, and in the Future."

The conference will thus include numerous symposia and sessions that address subjects in African diaspora archaeology. Among those panel discussions specifically addressing such topics are the following:

